## 110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

## H. R. 6738

To establish a National Bioenergy Partnership.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 31, 2008

Mr. Inslee (for himself, Mr. Whitfield of Kentucky, Mr. Delahunt, Mr. Scott of Georgia, Mr. Carnahan, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Baird, Mrs. McMorris Rodgers, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Bishop of New York, and Mr. Perlmutter) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as "The National Bioenergy
- 5 Partnership Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. NATIONAL BIOENERGY PARTNERSHIP.
- 7 (a) In General.—The Secretary of Energy shall es-
- 8 tablish a National Bioenergy Partnership to provide co-
- 9 ordination among programs of State governments, the
- 10 Federal Government, and the private sector that support

- 1 the institutional and physical infrastructure necessary to
- 2 promote the deployment of sustainable biomass fuels and
- 3 bioenergy technologies for the United States.
- 4 (b) Program.—The National Bioenergy Partnership
- 5 shall consist of five regions, to be administered by the
- 6 CONEG Policy Research Center, the Council of Great
- 7 Lakes Governors, the Southern States Energy Board, the
- 8 Western Governors Association, and the Pacific Regional
- 9 Biomass Energy Partnership led by the Washington State
- 10 University Energy Program.
- 11 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
- 12 are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years
- 13 2009 through 2013 to carry out this section—
- 14 (1) \$5,000,000, to be allocated among the 5 re-
- gions described in subsection (b) on the basis of the
- 16 number of States in each region, for distribution
- among the member States of that region based on
- procedures developed by the member States of the
- 19 region; and
- (2) \$2,500,000, to be allocated equally among
- 21 the 5 regions described in subsection (b) for region-
- wide activities, including technical assistance and re-
- 23 gional studies and coordination.